

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, June 30, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Judge Patrick L. Carroll*, Chief Court Administrator, *Steve Grant*, Executive Director, CSSD; *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program Manager, Department of Children and Families, *Dora Schriro*, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; *Scott Semple*, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, *Rich Sparaco*, Board of Pardons and Paroles, *Laura Stefon*, Department of Education, *Loel Meckel*, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, *Karen Jarmoc*, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence; *Alejandro Arbelaziz*, Department of Social Services, *Kevin Kane*, Chief State Attorney, Chief State's Attorney Office, member of public

I. Introductions

This meeting was broadcast on CT-N: <http://www.ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=13037>

The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_june_2016_final.pdf

II. Welcome and Policy Update

Chairman Lawlor noted that the OPM CJPPD website has a new link to a compilation of 2a charts from the Monthly Indicators Report.

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjabout/chart_2a_compilation_through_june_2016_ii.pdf

Legislative session enacted the temporary restraining order on prohibition of firearms. Supreme Court hearing recently upheld a federal prohibition preventing the possession of firearms of anyone convicted of domestic violence. Bail and Raise the Age initiatives were not enacted, but now the legislature is aware of these issues. The governor asked CJPAC to weigh in on other non-legislative changes in regards to these two topics.

III. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2016

Minutes were approved.

IV. Commission Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence.

V. Presentations

a. Connecticut's Lethality Assessment Program, Joseph Frohlich, Director of Law Enforcement Services, Connecticut Collation Against Domestic Violence
http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjcjpac/20160630_ccadv_ppt.pdf

b. Steve Grant, Executive Director, Court Support Services Division (45:15-52:45)

In 2002 CSSD tried to develop a risk assessment to predict intimate partner violence, it has been revalidated 4 times since then. They identified 5 primary lethality questions and piloted those

questions with the risk assessment. Next steps are to validate the dual assessment protocol, and work with MA Probation who is working on a similar project, and create a protocol to allow access to this for civil family court judges. In 2 weeks they have administered 176 assessments, over 40% have tested out with high risk lethality factors. By late fall, CSSD and Dr. Campbell will present their findings.

c. Electronic Defense Weapon Report, Ken Barone, Project Manager, IMPR, CCSU, <http://www.ccsu.edu/imrp/projects/taser.html>

VI. Agency Updates

Members provided updates on their agencies and latest initiatives.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – CIT training for police officers, this year DMHAS has trained over 300 police officers. The training teaches police officers how to deal effectively with people experiencing psychiatric symptoms.

Department of Social Services – Worked with CSSD, DOC, DMHAS on extending/expediting access to medicaid coverage for people reentering the community, allowing them to extend medicaid coverage to people in halfway houses.

Judicial Branch- Last week completed layoffs of 300 judicial branch employees; court closings were announced for Danbury Juvenile Matters Courts, Stamford Juvenile Matters Courts, Torrington Juvenile Matters Courts and Willimantic Judicial District Courthouse. Program cuts of \$29 million in total, including \$13 million cuts from the legislature, many cuts were across the board cuts to all the providers, while other cuts were targeted. Termination of operation of 24 hour lock ups in Hartford and New Haven.

Court Support Services Division (CSSD) – As a result of these cuts, 200 people in the private sector will lose their jobs in addition to the cuts to state employees. Remaining employees remain to stay focus and dedicated to the branch's mission.

State Attorney Office – Center for Court Innovation grant to find better outcomes earlier in the process of the criminal justice system, to save money, and reduce the number of people on pretrial, reduce the number of court appearances, and focus on cases that need more attention.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)– Population count is 47 youth at CJTS. Closing CJTS by July 2018, looking into alternatives for CJTS.

Department of Education – Presentation on Discipline data at CJPAC this fall.

CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Victims of Crime Act money for enhanced response on the civil side, including domestic violence fatality review and the services restraining orders.

Department of Correction (DOC) – Four CT Community Colleges were picked as experimental sites to provide higher education for inmates, which DOC believes will have an impact on recidivism. Population today is 15,306, down 4.4% from last year. Closed a 100 bed unit at Osborne Correctional Facility.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP)- Would like to explore special parole expectations further and have this conversation further.

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection – The state police have responded to the 100th call for NARCAN. Office of Counter Terrorism is being transferred from DEMHS to Connecticut State Police. Private investigators and security guards will no longer be able to get provision cards. Be safe and smart during the holiday weekend.

VII. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – no updates

Behavioral health – no updates

Victim issues – no updates

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Lawlor adjured the meeting at 11:12 am.